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INTERVIEW OF CAPTAIN :
KAILASH SINGH :
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An interview in the above entitled matter was held
on Wednesday, December 15, 2004, commencing at 9:04 a.m.,
before:

ROB JONES, NTSB
BRIAN CURTIS, NTSB
SEAN MCPHILAMY, USGC
DARRELL HOWELLS, USCG
CAPTAIN LEW KWOK YUE, IMC SHIPPING

1 do use them.

2 We have (indiscernible) but we'd like to show them
3 at a more opportune time than when we think (indiscernible).

4 So, we want to show the speed actual time is -- be a
5 little, a little more than what we actually achieved during
6 (indiscernible). So, I was having -- that day when the
7 engine stopped, I was having 23 miles in hand.

8 My actual position was (indiscernible) 23 miles
9 ahead of what I was going to plan, going to (indiscernible)
10 on time, but engine stopped around 10 o'clock.

11 MR. JONES: And --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And my --

13 MR. JONES: Go ahead. Go ahead.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And my speed at that time
15 was -- heavy speed I was doing around 10.5, 10.7 actual
16 speed that time. So, noon time, I was going to send a noon
17 report to the charters, as well as to the -- not to the
18 charters. That day it was going to go to the ocean
19 (indiscernible). A copy goes to the charters.

20 So, I thought that was the most opportune time.
21 (indiscernible) I was shorthanded (indiscernible) but we
22 have to fix the problem. I didn't know ship was going to
23 break, break up. So, I -- I use the (indiscernible) where
24 that (indiscernible) was. The (indiscernible) was. I took
25 it as 12:15. (Indiscernible) as for my calculation, I

1 started call the shore that every (indiscernible) or
2 something (indiscernible).

3 So, I called the (indiscernible) where he stopped.

4 On the door. I said there is (indiscernible). 1, 5.

5 (Indiscernible) 1, 2, 1, 5. I came back three miles, and I
6 said this is (indiscernible). So, I said, (indiscernible).

7 We made that (indiscernible) report.

8 So, (indiscernible) port was center there.

9 (Indiscernible). Now that thing is out of my hand now,
10 already. It is already gone. It's (indiscernible) black
11 and white. I did not know at that time that things would
12 end up in this way. So, this is just minor details
13 (indiscernible) about what they call we have something like
14 some type we have (indiscernible) in pocket.

15 So, we (indiscernible) because sometime we can do
16 more said (indiscernible) use couple of times from
17 (indiscernible) to meet the charter party (indiscernible).

18 MR. JONES: I don't think chief engineers do that.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no. Half the time
20 (indiscernible). He knows.

21 MR. JONES: I think there's a term, in the U.S. we
22 call sleeve oil.

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I'll put sleeve
24 (indiscernible).

25 MR. JONES: Right, sleeve oil.

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So, we call it --

2 MR. JONES: Even captains know that.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's it.

4 MR. JONES: So.

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So, that message already
6 gone now. When I come ashore (indiscernible) my mind isn't
7 not in a right frame of mind. I didn't know -- didn't know
8 this could create so much problem. So, I said, I am going
9 to go with my log in time. The log will say -- retain the
10 log (indiscernible) it is going to the to the charter? Is
11 it going to the owners? Is it going to the ocean
12 (indiscernible)?

13 So, when I came here your question was what time
14 engine stopped. So, my answer was based on log book. So, I
15 had to adjust my timings according to that, but positions
16 that are unsafe. Positions the same, only the time we got
17 (indiscernible) start off. 12:15 we had (indiscernible)
18 around 10 o'clock. Everything else it means same.

19 So, I find this is the most, I think, appropriate
20 time to (indiscernible) her this one, and after this,
21 everything else will smoothen out itself. So, I hope you
22 understand what I am trying to say. These two hours had
23 no -- not going to make any difference to eventually what
24 (indiscernible) how things turned out with. It's just the
25 question of writing --

1 MR. JONES: Accuracy.

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- accuracy that is
3 correct. Position remains same --

4 MR. JONES: Right.

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- and my contacts with
6 the Coast Guard and with the harbor master, they unchanged.
7 Timing is unchanged, but actions we took (indiscernible).

8 MR. JONES: That's what we're trying to pin point
9 today.

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Correct.

11 MR. JONES: I do appreciate you clearing that up,
12 and your candor.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's -- in other words,
14 I had too much (indiscernible) --

15 MR. JONES: That's understandable.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I appreciate it.

17 MR. JONES: Okay, and we appreciate it. So, if we
18 could, with the time discrepancy behind us --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

20 MR. JONES: -- we can take it back to again, how
21 you were informed about the engine problem --

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay.

23 MR. JONES: -- and we'll let you go, but we just
24 might be stopping you --

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: All right, sir.

1 MR. JONES: -- more today, okay?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay.

3 MR. JONES: So, it's approximately 10 o'clock on
4 the 6th?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: All right, sir. I was
6 standing on the bridge. I thought I had enough bad weather.
7 So, I took out -- I took out a sheet of (indiscernible)
8 paper. I started drawing (indiscernible) lines, and I said
9 I'll tell second mate to start making (indiscernible) deck
10 log book, the time, cause, wind speed, barometric pressure,
11 (indiscernible).

12 I drew, I think, four lines. Just drawing the
13 lines, and then the (indiscernible) came from the
14 (indiscernible). Third mate was on watch. He
15 (indiscernible) start answering and said he'd check what is
16 happening. He said engine (indiscernible) coming down. So,
17 I waited for a minute or so, telephone (indiscernible).

18 After (indiscernible) of one, chief engineer was
19 on the line. He said engine had broken down. I said, what
20 do you mean? He said liner has cracked. So, I said, what
21 do we do now? He said, we have a spare liner, and we will
22 study now, then we'll decide what (indiscernible).

23 He said -- I said what is happening now? He said
24 a lot of water has come (indiscernible). So, I said, okay,
25 I said I'm coming now. So, I went back, first I thought I

1 will go down in the engine room. Then I said let me first
2 assess this position. How far I am from the nearest port,
3 and how far do I have to go to the destination.

4 So, I heard all that so I asked third mate, I said
5 do you take out this (indiscernible)? Did you check how
6 many miles we were at this point, and then I started looking
7 at the chart, the Dutch Harbor. Then I read the -- tried to
8 put entry. What other (indiscernible). (Indiscernible.)
9 (Indiscernible) name was given, complete. (Indiscernible.)

10 So, it took me about 30 to 30, 25 minutes. To go,
11 I was -- had (indiscernible) ready to go down, and talk to
12 chief engineer.

13 MR. JONES: Captain, this is Senior Chief
14 McPhilamy.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

16 MR. MCPHILAMY: At that point, from your
17 conversation with the chief, may I ask, did you believe that
18 the chief saw the problem with the cracked liner, and shut
19 the engine down?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's it.

21 MR. MCPHILAMY: Or that the engine itself shut
22 down without the chief's action?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I don't -- not sure.
24 I believe he -- he (indiscernible) this. When he saw the
25 jet of water coming out, he was informed by engineer, and

1 probably other -- I'm not sure who informed him, but he saw
2 it. He told me jet of water's coming, and then he
3 (indiscernible), and then he's in his -- the way he told me,
4 the engine is broken, I said, it looks like it's a sinister
5 (indiscernible). The more -- the way he told -- he said
6 engine has broken down.

7 MR. MCPHILAMY: And I do understand that - that is
8 from your understanding of what the chief said.

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's it -- what
10 (indiscernible) the way he said it on the telephone.

11 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you. I apologize for
12 interrupting you.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

14 MR. HOWELLS: Could I ask a question? This is
15 Darrell Howells. Did I understand you to say that you
16 received an alarm on the bridge from the engine room?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Auto (indiscernible) alarm
18 (indiscernible) officer.

19 MR. HOWELLS: What kind of an alarm?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Auto (indiscernible)
21 starts coming down.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: (Indiscernible) slow.

23 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Thank you.

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Automatic slow down, the
25 (indiscernible).

1 MR. HOWELLS: Thank you.

2 MR. CURTIS: Brian Curtis, just a little more
3 clarification here. The auto slow down alarm that would
4 occur if the chief slowed the engine down, or the ship
5 itself slowed down?

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That should come when we
7 are on what do you call? On --

8 MR. CURTIS: Bridge control?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Bridge control.

10 MR. CURTIS: In the engine room, if you're going
11 along on bridge control, and the chief engineer slows his
12 ship down from the engine room, would that set off the auto?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, first he must say
14 there to engine room control. He must take it on ECF.

15 MR. CURTIS: Did he change it to --

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, after that he change
17 it.

18 MR. CURTIS: So, you get the alarm first?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, first the alarm, and
20 then bigger alarm, and this -- only the alarm, then he
21 change it over to engine room, then he stops.

22 MR. CURTIS: Did the ship slow itself down first?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's rpm dropped.

24 MR. CURTIS: By itself?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: When I was standing on the

1 (indiscernible) table, I felt the rpm coming down, and soon
2 after that the (indiscernible) was done.

3 MR. CURTIS: Do you think the chief slowed it
4 down, or the engine slowed itself?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I presume engine slowed on
6 its own.

7 MR. CURTIS: The engine slows itself down,
8 presumably. Then, the chief called you, and did the chief
9 say that -- he didn't say if the engine had shut itself
10 off --

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no --

12 MR. CURTIS: -- or whether he shut it off?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- no decision on this.

14 MR. CURTIS: His voice had a lot of anxiety?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right, like
16 desperation, you can call it.

17 MR. CURTIS: Okay, thank you.

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The (indiscernible) are
19 really, really serious. Not (indiscernible).

20 MR. CURTIS: Thank you.

21 MR. JONES: Okay, Captain, if you could pick up
22 now where you were discussing the event with the chief, and
23 what you were going to decide. You were on -- it took you
24 about 20 to 35 minutes to --

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I go down, and at the

1 time there are no water coming up. Water had stopped. Said
2 chief engineer was at that time in control room. I entered
3 there, he took me down. He said let's see what has
4 happened. Then, he took me down, and he showed me the crack
5 there. It's a vertical crack, 30 centimeters in length.

6 MR. JONES: About how far?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Right on top of the --

8 MR. JONES: How many centimeters?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Thirty centimeters. Three
10 in the (indiscernible) 30 centimeters. One foot, it was one
11 foot.

12 MR. JONES: One foot?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: One foot.

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Then there was little
16 vertical (indiscernible) and chief engineer and second
17 (indiscernible). They changed the spot. Then he took me
18 and said that's a (indiscernible) liner there. He took me.
19 He said this is the place (indiscernible). This is any
20 relation to this what he was showing that this is the same
21 spot where he took me there.

22 That was a one level up. (Indiscernible) you've
23 got to climb four or five steps to go up, and that liner's
24 almost along the center line (indiscernible) to the board
25 where it is. (Indiscernible.)

1 MR. JONES: Here?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: This (indiscernible) line.

3 He showed me this is the same. Same brand, it's like a
4 (indiscernible) sort of thing. (Indiscernible.)

5 MR. JONES: Okay.

6 MR. CURTIS: Brian Curtis. You said it was a jet
7 of water coming out?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, it's -- use the term,
9 water is jetting out of the -- the crack.

10 MR. CURTIS: When you go there, the engine was
11 stopped already?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: When I went.

13 MR. CURTIS: Okay.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: There were no water coming
15 in there.

16 MR. CURTIS: Right.

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Engine was stopped.

18 MR. CURTIS: Thank you.

19 MR. JONES: Okay, continue please.

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: After that?

21 MR. JONES: Yes.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So, I was there with him
23 for only 10, 15, 20 minutes, maybe half an hour. I think 20
24 minutes is, and then I said do you discuss whatever you plan
25 to do, and then we will get in touch with the company

1 involved (indiscernible).

2 So, I said by that time we got in touch with the
3 company. We told them it was well past noon. Maybe 1
4 o'clock, maybe 12:30, only 1 o'clock, but they started
5 (indiscernible) to (indiscernible). Both said
6 (indiscernible).

7 MR. JONES: You called the company about 1
8 o'clock?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Probably, probably around
10 that time.

11 MR. JONES: Mariset (phonetic sp.) or e-mail?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, on the telephone.

13 MR. JONES: On the telephone? In Mariset?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, we got in Mariset B.

15 MR. JONES: B, in Mariset B? What was the vessel
16 doing at that time?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We were not
18 (indiscernible) we were drifting.

19 MR. JONES: Okay.

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Drifting. Because
21 only -- there was -- there were very, very little change in
22 the position. She was hardly drifting. She was drifting
23 just around this crack. Very minor change, but almost on
24 her course.

25 MR. JONES: Back along the track?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) back along
2 the track.

3 MR. JONES: What was the vessel's heading at that
4 time, approximately?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Seventy knots, knots
6 northeast, knots (indiscernible).

7 MR. JONES: Beam to the seas?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Beam -- beam to the seas.

9 MR. JONES: Okay.

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Seas on the port side.
11 Full port beams. We maintained that way (indiscernible).

12 MR. JONES: So, the beam --

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: In the (indiscernible) --

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- I think like this
16 was -- this is in that (indiscernible).

17 MR. JONES: Your original course was 2, 6, 5?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Two, six, five, and then
19 she went like this, and the wind it started coming. Wind
20 was coming right at the (indiscernible) that time.

21 MR. JONES: The wind was out of the seas, and wind
22 (indiscernible) the west?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: All from the west.

24 MR. JONES: The heading was about due north?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Twenty, 20, 30, like that

1 0, 3, 0, or 0, 2, 0.

2 MR. JONES: So, a little east of north?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So we started just
4 drifting.

5 MR. JONES: All right, so now, you're contacting
6 the office?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Office.

8 MR. JONES: Over in Mariset?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Chief (indiscernible)
10 telling me what he's learning, and then they
11 (indiscernible). She's (indiscernible) he's been waiting
12 for -- actually, been waiting for the renewal of liner, but
13 the rolling is increasing all the time.

14 Everybody not in agreement with chief and his
15 intentions. Is the (indiscernible) okay, we take up what is
16 the -- what is it that gets caught, gets stuck? How do we
17 take it out, or how do we force it down? The weather is not
18 good. It's increasing. The wind force isn't gaining, and
19 the rolling isn't gaining. What do we do? Chief engineer
20 wanted to go out that but then more people not against it
21 than less in favor.

22 MR. CURTIS: Excuse me. Brian Curtis. You say
23 more people in favor than against it? Do you recall the
24 chief engineer was in favor of replacing it, who besides the
25 second was in favor --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Second engineer
2 (indiscernible).

3 MR. CURTIS: Who was more in favor of not
4 replacing it?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Chief (indiscernible) the
6 name of the (indiscernible) I believe the only person who
7 was saying, oh, good listen, because he's talking to us
8 (indiscernible). So, (indiscernible) said to me, let's
9 proceed with that.

10 MR. CURTIS: Who else was involved in the
11 decision, the second engineer?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Only second -- I knew only
13 second, but then other people are -- he -- later he is
14 coming. He said that I want to give it a try. I know it is
15 really bad, but I -- what can I do now? I need some little
16 bit support from my number two.

17 MR. CURTIS: I'm just trying to establish the
18 parties. So, there's the chief engineer, the second
19 engineer --

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Second --

21 MR. CURTIS: -- the technical superintendent on
22 the phone --

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah.

24 MR. CURTIS: -- or somewhere --

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah.

1 MR. CURTIS: -- and yourself?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right. That's
3 right.

4 MR. CURTIS: What did you think? What was your
5 opinion?

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I was saying what second
7 engineer is saying that is also correct, we should be sure
8 we don't end in a situation that we have just
9 (indiscernible) or (indiscernible) the liner getting stuck.
10 I said you must be sure that it is safe. Chief engineer
11 said, sound like I want to give it a try, but second
12 engineer's saying but what if he gets stuck there? How do
13 we clear it?

14 MR. CURTIS: Thank you.

15 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain, this is Sean McPhilamy,
16 with the Coast Guard. Question, please, when you called
17 with the chief engineer, to the office --

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

19 MR. MCPHILAMY: -- who did you talk to?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It was
21 superintendent -- superintendent (indiscernible).

22 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you, sir.

23 MR. JONES: Okay, Captain, if you could take us
24 back. We've discussed a little bit of a discrepancy amongst
25 the opinions of the engineers, and you were on the phone at

1 13:00 with the office. What happens next?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Next then, chief engineer,
3 he goes on, and then -- and by that time, channel doing it,
4 but then they do some preparation. They gather two of them.

5 He comes right again, but sea is rolling as indicating.
6 So, he comes up and he speaks to the superintendent that it
7 looks impossible to undertake this (indiscernible).

8 Then, superintendent, he agrees, he concurs with
9 him, he said okay, I'll get her back to you, ready to
10 (indiscernible). I think that he said he --(indiscernible)
11 we called again, third time probably. He said okay, what
12 we'll do is we will isolate this unit, and then we'll head
13 farther shelter, for the port of this Dutch Harbor, and they
14 will change our liner.

15 At that point of time, (indiscernible) again.
16 Now, for different thing, for the new (indiscernible)
17 isolate in the unit.

18 MR. JONES: Okay.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So, they brought two
20 (indiscernible), the same (indiscernible) again, because I
21 told I was in engine room, I didn't go down in engine again.
22 I told (indiscernible) you also come (indiscernible). I
23 want them to be in one of those so that he got some
24 instruction from someone, and (indiscernible) instruction
25 from officer.

1 He did not speak, but he was (indiscernible) the
2 entrance to the radio station. Chief engineer spoke again.

3 So, (indiscernible) is told that okay, we will isolate the
4 unit. Then this started a (indiscernible) second engineer
5 said chief engineer opened the books that (indiscernible)
6 took. He know the thing is we are talking.

7 Second engineer said I'll take the book now, I'll
8 go through (indiscernible) down with it. You can come down
9 a little later. So, we -- we had an effort to drawing where
10 there was six, seven, or eight -- eight sets were there.
11 How to go -- go down (indiscernible) number unit. Then
12 chief engineer went down. They started working on the -- it
13 took quite some time to isolate the unit. Then when we
14 start firing, it will not fire end of (indiscernible).

15 MR. JONES: About what time was this now that you
16 tried to fire?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Maybe 19:00 hours.

18 MR. JONES: Okay.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's (indiscernible). It
20 took quite a bit of time. We (indiscernible) to do three
21 hours in deciding what to do first.

22 MR. JONES: Was it right after dinner? Around
23 dinner time?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Probably after dinner?

25 MR. JONES: One hour after dinner?

1 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: 19:00.

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I think around 19.

3 MR. JONES: Okay.

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Our time is 18:00 hour,
5 18:00 or 19:00.

6 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain, this is Sean McPhilamy
7 again.

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

9 MR. MCPHILAMY: Isolation steps that were
10 discussed, could you please say again these steps when you
11 opened the manuals --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

13 MR. MCPHILAMY: -- and you saw six to eight steps?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's a (indiscernible)
15 given there.

16 MR. MCPHILAMY: Was that discussed with the
17 telephone call?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no.

19 MR. MCPHILAMY: Just in discussion?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, chief
21 (indiscernible) -- chief (indiscernible). He did not
22 discuss how he's going to isolate. That (indiscernible) to
23 him, but he had brought in the (indiscernible) since I'm
24 going where he said I will do isolation now, and a cut of
25 the unit. He did (indiscernible).

1 So, what I saw of the one page (indiscernible)
2 lines drawn like this. First step, second, fourth, fifth,
3 seven, eight. Eight steps there -- there were. So, they
4 went (indiscernible) -- because they were doing
5 it -- there's so many blanks (indiscernible) there. All
6 around the unit.

7 I went there, I saw them doing it myself. Not
8 (indiscernible) started firing it. It would not fire. So
9 there was -- what the chief engineer told me, he said
10 accidentally opened the (indiscernible). He wants to give the
11 fuel. Number three (indiscernible) in the way. It
12 blocks -- I was telling something, he comes in the way.
13 (Indiscernible) number three coming fast and then
14 (indiscernible).

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Fourth.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 1, 6, 2, 5, 3, 4, in that
17 direction, and the (indiscernible) action was
18 (indiscernible) 6, 1, 5, 2, and then 4, and then 3. So,
19 each time he said it's coming (indiscernible) blocking. He
20 can't fire. Then, they use to do turning -- turn the
21 (indiscernible) something, cam shell, whatever they're
22 doing.

23 Half are done, three quarter of are done. They're
24 trying to do that, but still no luck. Several times we win,
25 and then I think that superintendent's call (indiscernible).

1 We (indiscernible). He was getting anxious about why it
2 was taking so long. He said just ask chief engineer if he's
3 gone (indiscernible) exactly as for the manual, then I rang
4 up chief engineer.

5 I said it is (indiscernible) have you gone
6 directly as were the procedures? He said yes, he was
7 better, in fact (indiscernible) finally. He said definitely
8 I referred to the manual. Then he said you ask chief
9 engineer to write down all those steps. He wrote the -- in
10 touch with the (indiscernible) that time. (Indiscernible).

11 So, chief engineer wrote on the steps I sent
12 (indiscernible). So, not -- he didn't take long time. He
13 said it could leak and that (indiscernible) twenty minutes
14 or half an hour. He said these are not steps which are
15 required as per the BMW. What you need to do is restore
16 the -- all the connections back. You only have to carry it
17 the first step.

18 First step, I believe was the fuel cut off. Just
19 the (indiscernible). He said and it should start without
20 any problem. So, now this is another big procedure now, big
21 job, because so many things were -- I blanked off.

22 So, they took quite a bit of time, but chief
23 engineer, he let -- he (indiscernible). He said there's
24 another game. He said, sir, I'm going (indiscernible)
25 another manner (indiscernible) number four (indiscernible).

1 He hit out all those (indiscernible).

2 MR. CURTIS: I'm sorry, Brian Curtis again.

3 Captain, what time was that when the superintendent came
4 back with saying no, just turn it around and just use the
5 first step? Do you recall what time that was, roughly?

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 22:00 hours, maybe. As
7 the time was passing, my memory is going certainly
8 (indiscernible).

9 MR. CURTIS: Okay, thank you.

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So, chief engineer --

11 MR. HOWELLS: Sir, this is Darrell Howells.

12 Captain, did you see the manual that he was working out of?
13 Did you see the cover?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I saw the manual. He
15 had opened the page. He was reading out to the
16 superintendent. It said first step, second step, third
17 step.

18 MR. HOWELLS: So, I understand, you only saw when
19 it was opened?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right. The lines
21 are drawn. See, like there's one --

22 MR. HOWELLS: Uh-huh.

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- and then some text
24 written there. Then, again, column, second column, second
25 set, third. I remember up to seven, but I believe it is

1 eight, because I don't (indiscernible) eighth number.

2 MR. HOWELLS: So, you don't know what the name of
3 the book is?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, it's on the -- he told
5 that -- on the (indiscernible) manual. I don't know what it
6 will be, but there's not only one. They're, I think they're
7 three different books.

8 MR. HOWELLS: They had three different books?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They did have books.

10 MR. HOWELLS: And they were using just one, or all
11 three?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no, second engineer
13 carried one. Maybe that was a copy of one chief engineer
14 was carrying. There were three.

15 MR. HOWELLS: When you say there were three books,
16 were they three books of the same, or three different books?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, was three different,
18 maybe it's part one, part two, part three. It could be like
19 that.

20 MR. HOWELLS: Okay, thank you.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) book. He
22 said as for the makers, I've taken all these steps. So, he
23 told chief you don't have to do all this. (Indiscernible)
24 first time.

25 MR. HOWELLS: Okay, thank you.

1 MR. JONES: Okay, Captain, so we're at about 22:00
2 when this decision is kind of made, and the superintendent
3 said you don't need to do all these steps. You just need
4 this, and you can take us from there.

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Then, he said a
6 (indiscernible). They did all that (indiscernible).

7 MR. JONES: Excuse me, just can you clarify? This
8 is Rob Jones again. It stalled, is that what you said?
9 What was the --

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no, restored.

11 MR. JONES: Restored?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Restored.

13 MR. JONES: Okay.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They're (indiscernible)
15 the blanks met all the connections.

16 MR. JONES: Okay.

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Took just the first step,
18 and superintendent make (indiscernible) saying that there
19 should be no problem. You should be able to start. So, by
20 the time we did all that and then we were ready. We started
21 giving the -- I (indiscernible) moments fixed. Trying to
22 fire the engine. It will not fire. That will --

23 MR. CURTIS: Brian Curtis again, and the time that
24 you tried to re fire after it was all back to the first
25 step?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Three o'clock in the
2 morning.

3 MR. CURTIS: 0:300.

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 3:00, 3:30.

5 MR. CURTIS: Okay, I'm sorry, go ahead.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We build separate
7 (indiscernible) there. Until now, earlier I did not see any
8 deflection of that that could be done. On the first time
9 when I said taken, followed his steps here I saw slight
10 deflection, maybe 20-25 (indiscernible) times I could that
11 take me a (indiscernible) it's not firing (indiscernible)
12 maybe I should. I'm not, they're not exactly firing.

13 MR. HOWELLS: General Howells. I'm sorry, how many
14 RPM's did think?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 20-25 on board site --

16 MR. HOWELLS: Are --

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But not all of that.

18 MR. HOWELLS: Okay.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Not all of that. Three,
20 four times that's all. But we give lots of (indiscernible).

21 MR. CURTIS: I'm sorry, Brian Curtis again. And
22 how many times do you estimate that you tried to fire it?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Well several times.

24 MR. CURTIS: Several.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Maybe ten, 12, times I've

1 done (indiscernible) times then I stopped.

2 MR. CURTIS: Okay. Thank you.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And then the
4 superintendent, he was also anxious. He (indiscernible)
5 again. He said that whatever (indiscernible) we can't fire
6 but tried and all that. He said to the chief engineer,
7 don't try any more times. Stop doing that. Maybe we have
8 (indiscernible). Because we (indiscernible) first operation
9 that we had isolated several things. Several
10 (indiscernible) time on the second sequence, second
11 operation after this continual feed. He said maybe we had
12 done (indiscernible) he said asked me to ask chief engineer
13 to come and speak to him so I called (indiscernible) you
14 take care and you open the, open and affect these
15 (indiscernible) and he went, chief engineer at that time
16 started doing that, he started to put his people there and
17 (indiscernible) he said tell chief engineer to open
18 scavenging space also, check it from the starboard side
19 because you will not be able to take a clear picture of what
20 is the condition of these (indiscernible). And then --

21 MR. CURTIS: I'm sorry, sir, Brian Curtis. And
22 that time would have been, when he said to check both sides
23 of the scavenging space, both sides of the engine?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The second wave was still
25 there, I think it is quarter to 4, or 4:00, probably 4:00.

1 Then he said take pictures of, photographs and chief officer
2 just come off, come otherwise at that time. So I said
3 (indiscernible) did you call the chief or not. That time
4 was scavenging space unopened.

5 MR. JONES: Okay --

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They all were open.

7 MR. JONES: Okay. Rob Jones again, Captain. At
8 0:300 you said we're trying to restart now. Has there been
9 any other communications that you've done from the bridge,
10 besides the superintendent at this time? It's 0:300 in the
11 morning and they're trying, you're trying to restart the
12 engines when this --

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) U.S. Coast
14 Guard of our position.

15 MR. JONES: Okay. What was your first
16 communication off the vessel to, other than your
17 superintendent?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On the, on the helicopter.
19 We were trying to call (indiscernible) in the evening
20 itself.

21 MR. JONES: And what --

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --

23 MR. JONES: And what time was that again?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: At 0:300 hours. We first
25 (indiscernible) starting calling them.

1 MR. JONES: 2100 hours?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) but we
3 called, called them on (indiscernible), in the evening.
4 About (indiscernible) I don't have log entry on this one.

5 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain, Sean McPhilamy again.
6 2100 on the 6th?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On the 16th.

8 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, this time was it we
10 got (indiscernible) --

11 MR. MCPHILAMY: Zone description --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --

13 MR. MCPHILAMY: Zone description 11?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Real time would be, real
15 time would be 11, 1300 hours.

16 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

17 MR. JONES: Captain, Rob Jones again. Did you
18 receive the response when you were trying at that time?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no one was
20 (indiscernible) so we kept, every 20 minutes, 35 minutes, 15
21 minutes, giving a call, (indiscernible) port control,
22 (indiscernible) we used. (Indiscernible) another one.
23 (Indiscernible) except one time somebody talked to me but I
24 couldn't follow what he was saying then again I called and
25 there was no response. Somebody at the industry called and

1 then when I did not receive any response matter of fact I
2 was trying to establish contact in some other way. Then I
3 start looking for this (indiscernible) and emergency stuff
4 and emergency routes. So there I got that phone number,
5 (indiscernible) office so I made a phone call there. That
6 time (indiscernible).

7 MR. JONES: Do you remember that time off hand
8 right now?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 0050475.

10 MR. JONES: And this is still ship time at 11 --

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, 11 hours.

12 MR. JONES: Okay. And that was an admire Set B
13 call?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Admire Set B call.

15 MR. JONES: And you connected with that triber?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I connected with the, with
17 the gentlemen from (indiscernible) bosses' office. I
18 apologized, sorry for (indiscernible) this time, this early
19 in the morning. He said oh no, you're not disturbing me at
20 all. I said I have a problem. (Indiscernible) about that.
21 I said I need (indiscernible). He told me to
22 (indiscernible). But he noted (indiscernible) the ship he
23 said okay, well he'll have to make a few calls. A number of
24 calls, a few calls and then said he'd get back to us. And
25 after that he did not get back to me. I received a call

1 from Bodkin.

2 MR. JONES: And --

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Bodkin, B-O-D-K-I-N. I
4 believe that's --

5 MR. JONES: Captain, this is Rob Jones again. How
6 did you receive that call?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: She called me on my in
8 that (indiscernible).

9 MR. JONES: Okay. And approximately what time was
10 that?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 3130.
12 That is ship time.

13 MR. JONES: Okay.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So she told me that
15 there's a requirement that might (indiscernible). She said
16 (indiscernible) provided that we use (indiscernible) use
17 your company, I think during this call or next call are
18 there any agent, agency that (indiscernible) departed in
19 States. You can, is there (indiscernible). So then I sent
20 a message or I spoke to my company that this is where I have
21 been in touch with, I have received a phone call
22 (indiscernible) and he just called back (indiscernible) that
23 this is, they said that the company has (indiscernible)
24 arrange for that, we're getting the contract. So his reply
25 came very quickly that he's already in touch with somebody

1 in the ship, from some agent or some contact company which
2 is arranging a (indiscernible). And then I just left him,
3 and she just called back, she also called me, it had been a
4 couple of hours. She then came back to me and then she shed
5 some details and then she said pass my position which
6 (indiscernible). So exactly after two hours I receive
7 another call, 3:30 from her. And she told me that U.S.
8 Coast Guard Cutter I presume because I said this wasn't very
9 long, the U.S. Commander (indiscernible) is being dispersed
10 to assist, to assist the vessel. And she give some, some
11 (indiscernible) I don't know where.

12 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain Sean McPhilamy again.
13 Please to question on the 2100 on the 6th the first attempt
14 via VHF.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Around was 8:10.

16 MR. MCPHILAMY: Approximately. Was this, what
17 channel --

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Channel 1 6.

19 MR. MCPHILAMY: Channel 1 6?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) is in
21 contact with VHF in channel 1 6.

22 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you, Captain. The, Ms.
23 Bodkin called via, called you via in marset (phonetic sp.)?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: In marset B.

25 MR. MCPHILAMY: In marset B? And did at any time

1 the Coast Guard start calling you, this Ms. Bodkin, via
2 channel 16 or did that call come in when in marset?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: All the calls came when I
4 was receiving in, when -- in marset B, except one time
5 somebody told me, secretary or something, you lost contact
6 (indiscernible) but he's not sure. He said was not called
7 on channel 16. But I am not sure. I have not received that
8 call. Maybe only once.

9 MR. MCPHILAMY: And this would have been during
10 that second mate's watch? 0204?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Maybe, 2-3:00.

12 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But I mentioned
14 (indiscernible), not sure now.

15 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I believe only once. They
17 said it was not (indiscernible) channel 16. But as it turns
18 out I made one phone call myself and she said every, every
19 hour she wanted to check out my position out there so I was
20 getting called every hour. I think it was I think half,
21 half past (indiscernible) 4:30, 5:30, (indiscernible) 4:00,
22 5:00, but she (indiscernible).

23 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you, Captain.

24 MR. JONES: Okay Captain, Rob Jones again. If I
25 can recap because, and I appreciate your time. I know this

1 is a little hot. I think we can actually stop for a minute,
2 take a break and get a glass of water or something.

3 As we are restarting the interview with Captain
4 Singh after a short pause, Captain, what we've discussed now
5 is we're up to about 0400 with the, in the engine room
6 they're checking the scavenging spaces are open and the
7 second mate is taking pictures and on the bridge you
8 received a, about every half hour, ever hour you're
9 receiving calls from the U.S. Coast Guard via mariset B and
10 the Hailey is being dispatched.

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The Alex Hailey.

12 MR. JONES: Alex Hailey, and this is approximately
13 0400 on the seventh ship time keeping 11?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 11.

15 MR. JONES: Okay, if you could continue from here.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Then around 4, 5
17 (indiscernible) second mate bring pictures and they send
18 those pictures to, to the company, the superintendent. And
19 then he also asks (indiscernible) for advice of
20 (indiscernible). But the pictures (indiscernible) go in the
21 same message. Condition is (indiscernible) we decided
22 sticky, (indiscernible). And then he, he help us to the,
23 before that (indiscernible) but he, when she was taking a
24 look at the photographs she tells me on the telephone that
25 it looks like number 6 has (indiscernible) in the main unit

1 where we need to change the rings and then give her a call
2 again. And then she needs to follow up her (indiscernible)
3 also could help that number 6 is, the condition of this at
4 this time that port number 6 is bad. It wasn't healthy unit
5 so we had those rings, those (indiscernible) we have on
6 board so he says, she even said okay (indiscernible) we
7 start back on this one. We take this one off. And now
8 because of (indiscernible) it's a main concern
9 (indiscernible) out of this one. We have people stand right
10 there and form groups (indiscernible) but it's so hard to
11 get out of this, it's not (indiscernible) and nuts and
12 bolts.

13 MR. CURTIS: Sorry, Captain, Brian Curtis. So
14 this, they started these, started to work on number 6 unit,
15 about what time was that?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: About the time that all
17 this thing was (indiscernible) maybe 7:30-8:00.

18 MR. CURTIS: Okay. Thank you.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But we could not, we could
20 not repair this one. But only with so much (indiscernible
21 3522 (indiscernible) everything was on there. So the full
22 day was, had gone. We could not (indiscernible). But then
23 in the, around 10:00 I told Alex Hailey he (indiscernible)
24 Alex Hailey.

25 MR. JONES: This is Rob Jones. 10 a.m.?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Around 10 a.m. or ship
2 time.

3 MR. JONES: 10 a.m. ship time on the 7th?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: About, on the 7th. We
5 were going (indiscernible). Took up a couple of rounds
6 around us (indiscernible) which way we were (indiscernible).
7 And we did it. Later I learned that more than 3 miles
8 distance north of (indiscernible).

9 MR. JONES: Captain, sorry, Rob Jones again.
10 Could you assess the weather at this time?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Weather was bad.

12 MR. JONES: And can you assess it a little, a
13 little more in detail? The size of the sea, the wind.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Wind will be, wind force
15 (indiscernible) Alex Hailey did not come close to us. He
16 was staying on (indiscernible) away from us.

17 MR. JONES: Could you determine the height of the
18 sea and wave height, in feet or meters?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 5 meters.

20 MR. JONES: 5 meter seas? Okay, thank you.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Then I was checking with
22 them what is type (indiscernible) and they gave me some
23 estimate of (indiscernible) around 1630 we saw the Sidney
24 (indiscernible).

25 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain Sean McPhilamy, when Alex

1 Hailey came on sea how did you stay in touch with them?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On VHF channel 16 and 6 I
3 believe. Just 6.

4 MR. MCPHILAMY: 16 and 6?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Channel 6 was
6 (indiscernible) channel 16 with the cutter.

7 MR. MCPHILAMY: Prior to the (indiscernible) what
8 happened at noon on ship's time?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay. On (indiscernible)
10 I just got back so I said I'm going to (indiscernible) we
11 will get in the water with (indiscernible) so I jumped the
12 waters on 70 so currently I was, they came for me and I
13 wasn't there. Ship time was (indiscernible) time.

14 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you, Captain.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And then Bodkin, she, she
16 came, she's brought on the starboard and then she came on
17 the port bow. She took a couple of (indiscernible) she
18 start assessing which is the most appropriate approach she
19 will take and then around 1940 or so she makes abroad, she
20 says okay, I'm ready now. Let (indiscernible). She
21 approach on the starboard border so the (indiscernible).
22 She passed (indiscernible) 35 meter or something. When she
23 was aligned we (indiscernible) and that was at 1915
24 (indiscernible).

25 (Indiscernible) so she could not control us on that

1 side. It appears she was (indiscernible) when the wave
2 brought up she (indiscernible) came very close to the bow so
3 she had to stay at 6 meters, she went around again, took a
4 hard starboard turn, position of her port again on that
5 (indiscernible). She stayed there for some time and gave
6 another boat. And this time we (indiscernible) 2005.

7 MR. JONES: Captain Rob Jones. Did they try to
8 get a line to you with a gun --

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no, no.

10 MR. JONES: -- or heating line with
11 (indiscernible)?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They just used roller
13 line.

14 MR. JONES: Did you throw it to them?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We, we threw the line from
16 there.

17 MR. JONES: From the bow?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Because we were at the
19 higher level --

20 MR. JONES: Right.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- (indiscernible). And
22 they got the boat over the line and they connected there
23 (indiscernible).

24 I'm a little confused but it was 2005 when that
25 (indiscernible) the line. I think, I think 2005 was the

1 time they placed the line onboard. (Indiscernible.) And
2 that she went to, she cut across my bow from starboard to
3 port, she went to her (indiscernible) she started about four
4 times (indiscernible).

5 MR. JONES: Captain, Rob --

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) quite a
7 distance away.

8 MR. JONES: Captain Rob Jones again. So at the
9 time you got the line are you still, the heading of your
10 vessel is still around 020 --

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible), correct,
12 not (indiscernible).

13 MR. JONES: And your beam out to the seas?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Beam out to the seas.

15 MR. JONES: Approximately force 8?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Force, force 8.

17 MR. JONES: And the eye is through which chalk on
18 the bow?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: From the second
20 (indiscernible) --

21 MR. JONES: Okay.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 6 1.

23 MR. JONES: Okay. And now the Sidney Foss is made
24 up to you and they basically cut across starboard to port
25 towards the north --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes.

2 MR. JONES: North or northwest?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) on my bow.

4 MR. JONES: Okay.

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, it should be
6 northwest I believe.

7 MR. JONES: So they're heading back right into the
8 swell?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) it took
10 quite some time. They said when we're ready we'll let you
11 know, when we start pulling.

12 MR. JONES: Okay.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So around about 11:30,
14 2030 they were ready to (indiscernible).

15 MR. JONES: Okay Cap --

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) ship's
17 heading into the (indiscernible). But we continued the
18 same, northwest in the same direction. There is little
19 (indiscernible) action alone was same.

20 MR. JONES: Still back, along the track to the
21 east?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) along the
23 (indiscernible), so east, southeast. There was some change
24 in direction after midnight, a little after midnight and
25 8:00. She started running maybe less than (indiscernible)

1 more toward the east. So little change right there about
2 eight hours and by 7:30 we had already been back
3 (indiscernible).

4 Around 6:30 I had spoken to the time force master.
5 I said we are, we don't seem to be making any progress. He
6 said I'm (indiscernible) I'm trying to control something.
7 (Indiscernible.) So I'm, I have other options in my -- I
8 said can the other type give us a line (indiscernible). He
9 said that that is one of the options he has.

10 MR. JONES: Okay if I, Captain if I could just
11 bring you back a little bit there. The, at 2030 the evening
12 of the 7th, ship time which is now Dutch Harbor time.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, it was.

14 MR. JONES: The Sidney Foss has laid out, has laid
15 out it's line and is trying to pull you back up and get your
16 bow up into the wind. Then you jumped to the morning. What
17 went on with the ship from 2030 that night, was anybody
18 getting some sleep now, your crew or any --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yep. We had made a
20 decision (indiscernible) the Dutch can do everything of the
21 (indiscernible).

22 MR. JONES: Okay.

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So they were looking out
24 for the (indiscernible) and we were just maintaining the
25 position (indiscernible) company of the (indiscernible).

1 MR. JONES: Okay.

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

3 MR. JONES: And where was the Alex Hailey at this
4 time?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: She was standing by the
6 (indiscernible).

7 MR. JONES: Okay and what was going on in the
8 engine room at this time when the tug was starting to try to
9 pull at 2030 on the 7th?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They were doing some
11 (indiscernible).

12 MR. JONES: Okay.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It was, they were really
14 bad. They could not attempt to take it off their unit.

15 MR. JONES: So did the ship remain in the swell
16 the entire evening?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That, that's right.

18 MR. JONES: So okay let's, okay.

19 MR. CURTIS: I'm sorry. Brian Curtis again.
20 Captain, when do you estimate that they actually started
21 working on that number 6?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) liner,
23 (indiscernible) the piston?

24 MR. CURTIS: The piston, yes.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: My estimate is that piston

1 was always working, (indiscernible) in the morning, mid, mid
2 morning of 8th.

3 MR. CURTIS: Okay.

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 11:00.

5 MR. CURTIS: And they'd been working on that --

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) I came to
7 take (Indiscernible) I said any time you need me, any number
8 of people they will come and assist you to steady that state
9 of piston as it is coming up.

10 MR. CURTIS: Thank you. I didn't mean to jump
11 ahead but thank you.

12 MR. JONES: Okay, so it's early morning on the
13 8th. The tugging towline is still hooked up, the Sidney
14 Foss is still trying to get you around into the wind. If I
15 understand correctly the watch, the AV's and ordinaries are
16 going up every two hours --

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --

18 MR. JONES: -- to grease the mooring line, the
19 hawser and could you estimate your position in regards to
20 (indiscernible) at this time?

21 I do think we have that position, Captain. I was just
22 wondering, in your perspective.

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: At 4:00 we were at about 3
24 and (indiscernible) at 1600 hours we were (indiscernible)
25 and you're asking me next morning 4:00 or --

1 MR. JONES: The next morning. We did put a chart
2 up there for you.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay.

4 MR. JONES: That's okay, Captain. It's a --

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 15
6 (indiscernible) or something.

7 MR. JONES: Okay.

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We kept (indiscernible)
9 downwards, sir.

10 MR. JONES: Okay. In the morning. Okay, all
11 right, Captain, we can look at that on the paperwork, that's
12 fine. Continue --

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) in the
14 morning we were (indiscernible) also.

15 MR. JONES: Correct.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So I had (indiscernible).

17 MR. JONES: Okay.

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But from the provisions
19 you can check.

20 MR. JONES: Okay.

21 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain, this is Sean McPhilamy.
22 At 06:30 on the morning of the 8th you had stated you had
23 communication with tug master --

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Tug master.

25 MR. MCPHILAMY: -- over there at (indiscernible).

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

2 MR. MCPHILAMY: You stated (indiscernible) the
3 other tug assists?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, I said can we take a
5 line (indiscernible) time also.

6 MR. MCPHILAMY: And may I ask, oh, go ahead.

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So he said that he, he
8 said that is one of our options he's (indiscernible) but he
9 said he had to wait for the daybreak, that is around 10:00.
10 But next communication was (indiscernible).

11 MR. MCPHILAMY: May I ask which other tug?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: James Dunlap.

13 MR. MCPHILAMY: At what time do you remember James
14 Dunlap arriving?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I do not remember.
16 Because she did not contact me. She did not offer me her
17 services. I was not at liberty of (indiscernible) somebody
18 from her office called me, where is James Dunlap. I said I
19 have heard from communication (indiscernible) Dunlap and
20 Foss but I'm not aware of where she is, what is her purpose,
21 I was (indiscernible) knowing that she is in the vicinity.
22 (Indiscernible) U.S. Coast Guard.

23 MR. MCPHILAMY: So some time in the middle of the
24 night, early morning 8th you became aware of Redeemer?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Because I (indiscernible)

1 6:30 or so, around that time only.

2 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you. And you also became
3 aware of James Dunlap?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: James Dunlap? I was aware
5 of that, there's a Redeemer has come but I did not know
6 about the James Dunlap at all.

7 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Redeemer also did not
9 contact me but I had information that she is going to come.
10 She's mainly for the purpose of providing (indiscernible)
11 to make sure (indiscernible).

12 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you, Captain. Sorry,
13 continue (indiscernible).

14 MR. JONES: So it's around 06:30 right now,
15 Captain. It's Rob Jones again. And about this time is when
16 the piston got pulled, was being pulled?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no.

18 MR. JONES: No? Okay.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Piston was pulled I, I
20 believe around 10, 10:00, 11:00 in the morning.

21 MR. JONES: Okay, midmorning, you were right.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Midmorning.

23 MR. JONES: I'm sorry. And this time the tarp is
24 still, the line is still okay on the tarp?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: At what time?

1 MR. JONES: Around 10 in the morning?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no.

3 MR. JONES: No?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Tarp line by then, 7:30.

5 MR. JONES: 7:30.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 7:32. 7:32, just like
7 that.

8 MR. JONES: And you had already contacted him
9 around, or you were talking with him --

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --

11 MR. JONES: -- say about options?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

13 MR. JONES: Okay.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Then 7:30 to
15 (indiscernible). He said my (indiscernible) and he said I
16 do not have other line, other pull line so I run out of
17 options now. Then I try to (indiscernible) he was busy, he
18 said let me get him a line and he is the same distance from
19 (indiscernible) and I speak to you.

20 Then he told me that, (indiscernible) tow line and
21 then (indiscernible) they made an attempt.

22 MR. JONES: Did you relay this to the Alex Hailey
23 or did the Alex Hailey know this that --

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They, no they
25 (indiscernible) then they were speaking to Alex Hailey also.

1 MR. JONES: Sidney Foss?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Foss, they
3 (indiscernible).

4 MR. JONES: And you heard this --

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That is correct.

6 MR. JONES: -- over the radio --

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Over the radio.

8 MR. JONES: -- between the two?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Channel 16.

10 MR. JONES: Okay. Was any other direction given?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. They only asked what
12 are your plans? They said that we will try to re, reconnect
13 the lines after they had (indiscernible) they told this to
14 Cutter.

15 MR. JONES: Okay.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But then around I think
17 9:00 my (indiscernible), right after James Dunlap left, left
18 she got past me (indiscernible) towing. She said that is
19 very bad, they could not (indiscernible).

20 MR. JONES: And could you estimate the weather at
21 that time?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Probably 9, 8, 9
23 (indiscernible).

24 MR. JONES: And --

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Because the weather was

1 really bad.

2 MR. JONES: About the seas?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: At least at 6 meters
4 around.

5 MR. JONES: 6 meters?

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And then I also asked
7 again, (indiscernible) 9, 9:40 right after Sidney Foss can
8 you try again. They said no, the same effect
9 (indiscernible) water, they cannot take this chance for the
10 safety of the group.

11 Now around 10:00 I hear some this, James Dunlap
12 calling Cutter, Cutter and we've taken to understand that
13 you are (indiscernible) may be used and he tried this rescue
14 version (indiscernible). This is at 10:00. This is now
15 9:00 and they're saying that they can't (indiscernible)
16 people and (indiscernible) mention the name of
17 (indiscernible) with respect to service. They acknowledge
18 (indiscernible) but they didn't say anything (indiscernible)
19 on the bridge.

20 MR. JONES: Excuse me, Rob Jones. The Alex Hailey
21 said they will let you know when to start --

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That is correct. So now
23 about 10:00 I started getting (indiscernible). And around
24 quarter to 11 they told me okay, start (indiscernible). He
25 said (indiscernible) but I, on my own I said okay I'll keep

1 link 10 shackles to the deep sea.

2 MR. JONES: So the Alex Hailey -- Rob Jones again.

3 The Alex Hailey advised you to 10 shackles and 10 shots but
4 it was your decision to keep the link on the
5 (indiscernible)?

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, (indiscernible) I
7 had to start giving (indiscernible) to hold onto and
8 (indiscernible) 10 shackles (indiscernible) and up.

9 MR. JONES: Okay.

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So then I turned and I
11 kept the cable in gear, the (indiscernible) and I thought
12 the (indiscernible) just get everything done, the cross
13 wiring and (indiscernible) safety (indiscernible). It could
14 be the shield holding and chief also said he couldn't hear
15 anything but there were very very strong wind. Even if
16 strange noise was there we couldn't hear it.
17 (Indiscernible) and then two, three times we saw there's a
18 lot of (indiscernible).

19 So after about 13 minutes or so the chief also
20 said okay, (indiscernible) I believe. Later (indiscernible)
21 slipped and then it got jammed against the back.
22 (Indiscernible) use another one (indiscernible).

23 MR. JONES: Okay.

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: After that there was no
25 more problems with that. So we finished, (indiscernible) 10

1 shackles in water, secure I think within 30 minutes or so.

2 Like quarter past 11 or 11:30 or 11:35.

3 MR. JONES: When you say secure that's how long it
4 took to get the 10 shots --

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

6 MR. JONES: Okay.

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) decision
8 watching all the time (indiscernible).

9 MR. JONES: Captain Rob Jones again. At this time
10 can I get the heading of the vessel?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Heading was 710203310.
12 (Indiscernible) 04, 040, (indiscernible).

13 MR. JONES: And the, you mentioned the strain on
14 the anchor was heavy.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Only for (indiscernible).
16

17 MR. JONES: Okay and --

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) later it
19 straightened out, around 13:30 or something. He set, he
20 heard two or three times noise (indiscernible).

21 MR. JONES: Okay.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

23 MR. JONES: And this is the Chief Mate?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Chief Mate.

25 MR. JONES: And he was up on the bow?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He was on the bow. He
2 told me this, too.

3 MR. JONES: And can you estimate the lead of the
4 anchor chain in relation to the heading of the bow at 020?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He was most of the time
6 (indiscernible) slightly --

7 MR. JONES: Underfoot?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On the first landing.

9 MR. JONES: Okay.

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Just like this one.

11 MR. JONES: Okay. And did he ever mention to you
12 the words heavy strain, medium strain, light strain?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, he, there was, only
14 the strain came up (indiscernible).

15 MR. JONES: And then the, and then the shackle
16 came up against the --

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

18 MR. JONES: -- the fall?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, it was the fall.

20 MR. JONES: Okay. Thank you.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) after 45
22 minutes or so I (indiscernible) maybe around
23 (indiscernible).

24 MR. JONES: Now I'm sorry. Again that was 1300
25 approximately?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No (indiscernible).

2 MR. JONES: Okay.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And then I believe during
4 that time Alex Hailey after intention of these two
5 (indiscernible) they said no, that is very bad, we can't take
6 a chance. Both things, both (indiscernible) James Dunlap
7 and around I think 1400 I also made offer to (indiscernible)
8 towing with these ropes, one on each rope. They said
9 (indiscernible).

10 Now Alex Hailey is listening (indiscernible). She
11 knows (indiscernible) around that time they said they are
12 going to get on the boat now. They are trying to tow me.
13 They approach me from the fourth (indiscernible) they said
14 they will tow the line by using the (indiscernible) chief
15 officer was in charge there. They picked up the line. She
16 cut across my starboard wall. She went to, went
17 (indiscernible) almost exactly (indiscernible) on the bow.
18 She came aboard the ship, she (indiscernible) 3:00
19 (indiscernible) 3:30 so she went back (indiscernible). And
20 when the line became taught she said please (indiscernible)
21 chief was trying to (indiscernible) they told me that they
22 haven't raised the lines because they lost (indiscernible)
23 so they said let's talk about (indiscernible) to regain that
24 (indiscernible). And (indiscernible) they will take some
25 time for a second (indiscernible) then a little later they

1 said it is too late now. (Indiscernible) save us again.
2 Around about I believe 1400 hours or so (indiscernible)
3 walking back by (indiscernible) starboard anchor but the
4 problem the starboard anchor came (indiscernible) they start
5 cutting across the (indiscernible) so more than 15 minutes,
6 14, 30 or some less, they started yelling at me that
7 (indiscernible) stuck against the bow.

8 MR. JONES: And did, this is the port anchor?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, port anchor, I got
10 port anchor went across the bow --

11 MR. JONES: Across the (indiscernible) --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, it was down like
13 this. It was just (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) port
14 anchor will also (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) then I
15 saw I was coming very close to the (indiscernible) 1.3 or
16 something or 1.4 or 5. (Indiscernible) because nothing
17 else, just (indiscernible) kept on getting tangled so we
18 started (indiscernible). In the meantime the first
19 (indiscernible) in the second branch some of the crew
20 members were (indiscernible).

21 MR. JONES: So Rob Jones again. Just to clarify
22 Captain. We did get a lot of information. I think we're
23 just going to finish this before, as you get to starboard
24 anchor down and take another break.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay.

1 MR. JONES: When the Alex Hailey sent you the
2 message log how were your crew members (indiscernible)?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They were going on the
4 wench.

5 MR. JONES: On the wench? Okay.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Starboard wench.

7 MR. JONES: And could you estimate the size of the
8 line? Is this, was this the shop line from the --

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I cannot say what the size
10 of the line was, (indiscernible) or 3 standard line.

11 MR. JONES: Okay. Did it graduate to the next
12 size messenger or was it just that small one from the --

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No it was, (indiscernible)
14 see this line. (Indiscernible) I could see (Indiscernible).

15 MR. JONES: Okay.

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Because I can see
17 (indiscernible). It was the (indiscernible) may 200 meters
18 at least.

19 MR. JONES: Okay.

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And then they leave the
21 line because they lost the steering (indiscernible).

22 MR. JONES: And this takes me to the point of now,
23 as they crossed your bow how far off were they, because you
24 did have all that cord anchor chain out?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The main (indiscernible)

1 they just stopped at 50 meters or so.

2 MR. JONES: Okay. 50 meters off the port bow?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Off the port bow.

4

5 MR. JONES: Port, and then they kept going over to
6 the starboard?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, (indiscernible).

8 MR. JONES: Okay.

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Very complete and
10 (indiscernible) I thought the speed was maybe a little too
11 much but (indiscernible).

12 MR. JONES: Okay now your vessel is heading about
13 020 still? Just the --

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, 020, 030.

15 MR. JONES: Okay. And they passed you from port
16 to starboard --

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Port to starboard.

18 MR. JONES: And you estimated that there are
19 around, on a quad of --

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Three --

21 MR. JONES: (Indiscernible) three to a quad.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

23 MR. JONES: Which would have been about a point or
24 two forward in the starboard beam, so to speak? If we're
25 going to use --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

2 MR. JONES: Okay.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Not in line but I believe
4 they were here.

5 MR. JONES: Okay.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Not exactly, little bit
7 (indiscernible) I could see this line (indiscernible) they
8 have already leave their line because they lost steering.

9 MR. JONES: Okay now going to the steering, did
10 you steer each way, did you understand it to be a compulsory
11 problem, a motor problem on the --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I believe the steering was
13 (indiscernible) or something.

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 10-15
16 minutes.

17 MR. JONES: Because steer each way could also be
18 interpreted as just because of the waves and the seas
19 effect.

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It is very possible.

21 MR. JONES: Okay so it could be either?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, that's right.

23 (Indiscernible) something wrong with something and they just
24 say (indiscernible).

25 MR. JONES: Because I'm just going by what you've

1 given me as they crossed port to starboard they would have
2 been on the, the seas would have been on their beam? Were
3 they rolling --

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) no, yeah.
5 Seas have (indiscernible) so sea should be on their beam or
6 maybe (indiscernible).

7 MR. JONES: Okay. Do you remember --

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --

9 MR. JONES: Do you remember even watching them or
10 they were, are they rolling pretty good as their trying to
11 attempt --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, that's right.
13 (Indiscernible) --

14 MR. JONES: Yes.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- (indiscernible.)

16 MR. JONES: Okay. So let me just, and you said
17 the first group was already away?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, second group was
19 assisting chief officer during (indiscernible).

20 MR. JONES: Okay so as the Alex Hailey came
21 alongside was one group already away?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's correct.

23 MR. JONES: Okay.

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

25 MR. JONES: Okay.

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) second
2 place. They were trying to contact us. (Indiscernible.)

3 MR. JONES: Okay. We'll narrow down times in a
4 minute but right now we're looking at the Alex Hailey coming
5 off, off your port bow, sending a messenger. Shortly
6 thereafter dropping the starboard anchor and evacuating half
7 your, two thirds of your crew to the first two helicopters
8 in a short time frame there.

9 Okay, if we, does anybody have anything right now
10 or do we just want to take a break right now?

11 MR. HOWELLS: I have one quick question. This is
12 General Howells. Were there any milestones? Did the Alex
13 Hailey ever say we need to get the people off and if it's
14 not fixed by a certain time --

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Correct, correct. I think
16 from (indiscernible) they started telling (indiscernible)
17 group for the evacuation. At that time I was keeping all
18 the people, all our efforts were for (indiscernible). I
19 said at the moment I do not want to see anybody who is not
20 (indiscernible). I need all the manpower. I said believe
21 you need more time. I (indiscernible) replace, I said my
22 men are off, they're working, they're trying to fix the bow.
23 But I cannot give any time and what (indiscernible) so they
24 keep asking and they kept reminding me that I have to send
25 people (indiscernible) chief officer, sent the people

1 (indiscernible) possible to assist. No, it was

2 (indiscernible) on the ground there.

3 Then from about 1600 hours they told me,

4 (indiscernible) liner. They said they have (indiscernible)

5 choppers. In 18 hours they would have a chopper

6 (indiscernible) give us to come and take you, getting

7 (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) they would have a chopper

8 (indiscernible). At 1600 hour they (indiscernible) greatly

9 diminished because they would need half an hours notice for

10 this chopper to come and then another half an hour for that

11 chopper to go and come back so we must allow for one hour.

12 I said I appreciate that commission but I have

13 (indiscernible) my men are still trying to fix the engine.

14 (Indiscernible) the staff we had. So I kept on buying time

15 in the meantime hoping that I will be able to start the

16 engine because last time when I -- should I proceed on that?

17 MR. HOWELLS: No, that's fine. That's fine.

18 MR. JONES: Why don't we take a quick break here.

19 Thanks again.

20 This is Rob Jones restarting the interview again.

21 Captain, if I could just one clarification. When you said

22 the anchor was around the starboard bow, if, where was the

23 heading of the vessel at that time?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: My --

25 MR. JONES: I tell you what. We're going to pause

1 for one second.

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay, I (indiscernible) --

3 MR. JONES: Okay, we're going to restart the
4 interview. We did a little bit of chart work with the
5 Captain just to get our bearings and right now we, we
6 discussed that the port anchor was across the stem of the
7 (indiscernible) are you and, you know was in the way of the
8 starboard anchor being dropped.

9 Captain, can you tell us what you did then to try
10 to get the starboard anchor down and take it from there?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I tried to use the
12 (indiscernible) to clear, clear the cable so I could get
13 (indiscernible) on the starboard anchor without entangling
14 the port chamber cable. But I (indiscernible) starboard,
15 for a long time it didn't work and then I came
16 (indiscernible) port also and it didn't work.
17 (Indiscernible) again for some time and then the distance
18 (indiscernible). Then the distance I would think
19 (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) again on the starboard.
20 So I started again (indiscernible) kept it in gear,
21 (indiscernible).

22 MR. JONES: And Captain, if I could interrupt.
23 This is Rob Jones again. What was your decision for
24 lowering down 10 shots on the starboard?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) stable.

1 MR. JONES: Okay.

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 15, 14,
3 (indiscernible) and about that distance when she had that
4 cable we were both 1 to 1 mile off the coast and it was just
5 (indiscernible) below the surface. (Indiscernible) starting
6 to drop (indiscernible). But the last distance I remember
7 what it was (indiscernible) we were standing on the bridge
8 and we were (indiscernible) 0.85. After that I do not think
9 anybody checked it because soon after that we were running
10 for (indiscernible) and were running for (indiscernible).

11 MR. JONES: And how were you, you were on the
12 bridge -- this is Rob Jones again. You were on the bridge
13 when the Captain, when the Chief made a 7.085.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

15 MR. JONES: .85?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 8 and a
17 half meters, 9 meters.

18 MR. JONES: 9 --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 9 cables running, four
20 decimals, (indiscernible) nautical mile.

21 MR. JONES: Right. Okay and I just want to be
22 clear, the Alex Hailey said 10 shots on the port anchor on
23 the original --

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

25 MR. JONES: And it was your decision put down 10

1 shots on the starboard?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: On the starboard, I asked
3 for their permission. I said (indiscernible). They said
4 let me check with the Foss, it may got in the way
5 (indiscernible).

6 MR. JONES: Did you check, did you check with the
7 Foss?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I spoke with the Foss. I
9 think four (indiscernible) I want to use the starboard
10 anchor because I'm getting too close, I want to use the
11 starboard anchor. I said is it okay I use it. They said as
12 it is weather is so bad we don't think we'll make
13 (indiscernible) in the future you do (indiscernible) you can
14 use it right now. Put down your starboard anchor now. So I
15 started running it. So it was in, with the permission of
16 the Cutter and in agreement with the Foss.

17 MR. JONES: Okay. And you did back this one under
18 power like you did before?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That is correct.

20 MR. JONES: Okay.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) we are
22 ahead of them (indiscernible) but for present time
23 (indiscernible) close until we get aboard.

24 MR. JONES: Did anybody, was anybody able to get
25 a, a look at both anchors while you thought they were

1 holding? Did the port anchor have an even strain and the
2 lead starboard anchor have a strain and the lead, it was,
3 ever laid to you in any way or were you just going by radar
4 data that --

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6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Just the radar data.

7 MR. JONES: Just radar?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes. Because at that time
9 I had (indiscernible). Chief officer was also
10 (indiscernible) trying to fix (indiscernible).

11 MR. JONES: And Captain just because we haven't
12 asked this question yet, this is Rob Jones, was everything
13 working on the bridge, all your electronic gear at that
14 time?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) sir,
16 everything working.

17 MR. JONES: And were you just using radar ranges
18 and bearings --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And GPS.

20 MR. JONES: And GPS?

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I have two GPS on the
22 ship.

23 MR. JONES: Okay. Do you have an ectis (phonetic
24 sp.)?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No.

1 MR. JONES: Do you have this GPS, is it integrated
2 to your radar?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That is correct,
4 (indiscernible).

5 MR. JONES: Okay, were you working off of an
6 (indiscernible)?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

8 MR. JONES: Okay.

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So I was getting the speed
10 from (indiscernible) also just go to GPS.

11 MR. JONES: Did you have a speed log?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I had a speed log.

13 MR. JONES: And what was that showing during the
14 time? Did, excuse me.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: To pick up speed logs you
16 (indiscernible).

17 MR. JONES: Yeah.

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) it's not
19 very accurate.

20 MR. JONES: That's why I was re asking the
21 question. Does it, does it sound off the bottom or off,
22 through the water? Does it reference the bottom or the
23 water column as the ship is moving, do you know?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I don't. Please can
25 you repeat?

1 MR. LEW: Can I, this is Captain Lew, yeah.

2 Speed through the water or speed over ground?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: You can get speed through
4 the water.

5 MR. JONES: Okay, so it would be off? Okay. Okay
6 now continue then we're, right now we've got both anchors
7 out, 10 shots on the (indiscernible).

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, she's holding her
9 anchor.

10 MR. JONES: She's holding for approximately an
11 hour and a half, two hours.

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And (indiscernible) people
13 are already ashore and (indiscernible) six persons
14 (indiscernible) chief engineer and (indiscernible) that I
15 get another call from Cutter, Captain can you please send
16 us, regarding rescue (indiscernible). I said my engine is
17 up, (indiscernible) why don't you let me check one more time
18 and (indiscernible).

19 MR. CURTIS: I'm sorry, Brian Curtis. What time
20 was that, Captain?

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Around the
22 (indiscernible). In the meantime my office is having
23 conference (indiscernible) so I'm getting (indiscernible)
24 contacting Chief Engineer and (indiscernible) the phone
25 calls. So my, after checking with Chief Engineer I say we

1 are running out of time, how much time do you need more.
2 (Indiscernible) he says just 10 minutes work for me, I need
3 10 minutes work and in the meantime I get a lot of phone
4 calls when I'm talking to him so I put the phone down. My
5 superintendent or somebody (indiscernible) superintendent
6 was not there. I said Chief Engineer just 10 more minutes
7 and I had (indiscernible) put the phone down and try to
8 (indiscernible) I made up my mind then that now Chief
9 Engineer (indiscernible) let's say by 1725 or so if we are
10 going to start engine we start. Otherwise I'm going to ask
11 for the chopper. (Indiscernible) so as I was preparing
12 myself (indiscernible) to the VHF I (indiscernible) because
13 my (indiscernible) another one so I knew we are on the
14 ground now. (Indiscernible) I say Chief, (indiscernible) no
15 chance be there within 2-3 minutes, (indiscernible) same
16 time I picked up the (indiscernible). So I spoke to the
17 (indiscernible) please send me the chopper here as soon as
18 possible. (Indiscernible) chopper they said (indiscernible)
19 possible.

20 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain, this is Sean McPhilamy.
21 At what time approximately do you believe you felt the ship
22 run aground?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 17:10 or 17:05.

24 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And at that time --

1 MR. JONES: Captain, Rob Jones. Just want to be
2 clear. You were, so during these phone calls just shortly
3 after 7 you were in your, the master's office, you were in
4 your office?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes. I have two
6 telephones. One is on the bridge, the radio space. One is
7 in my cabin. So at that time (indiscernible) on the
8 telephone (indiscernible) in the radio space, in the radio
9 space. When I say hello, hello I can't hear, I can hear the
10 words. So it gets disconnected so I (indiscernible) I go
11 down to the cabin, that telephone is working so
12 (indiscernible) in the bridge. The cell phone rings
13 (indiscernible) that was the reason why I was in, picking
14 up, taking the call from the cabin. So that's why I
15 (indiscernible).

16 MR. JONES: Okay well, so you were on the stair
17 well between your deck and the bridge desk when you felt the
18 ship run aground?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, I was just going from
20 my cabin to the upper level of the bridge.

21 MR. JONES: Okay.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And Chief Officer on the
23 bridge (indiscernible).

24 MR. JONES: I know we're really going to start
25 jumping around here so please bear with us.

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay.

2 MR. JONES: I just, while I'm thinking of it the,
3 who picked the port side for the evacuation of the
4 personnel?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: This (indiscernible) given
6 to us by the chopper.

7 MR. JONES: Okay. They called you on --

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) all the
9 operation on the spot. First (indiscernible) port bow and
10 then (indiscernible) starboard side of the ship.

11 MR. JONES: Okay. So was any indication given to
12 you that you felt, the last indication you knew was the
13 vessel was holding in .899.

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: .899 was the short --

15 MR. JONES: Was the shortest distance?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

17 MR. JONES: And then the next thing you know did,
18 does that distance ever decrease at all, is that ever
19 relayed to you?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No because after that we
21 just left, after that I only attended a phone call and we
22 ended up going back.

23 MR. JONES: Okay. All right, that's all the
24 questions I have right now.

25 MR. CURTIS: Brian Curtis, NTSB. And once again

1 Captain, we're jumping around just to fill some of the holes
2 here so bear with me, please. I understand there may have
3 been some fuel transferred some time in the morning 8.
4 Could you give me all the, any communications you had about
5 that and what was involved in the decision and all you know
6 about it, please?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We, my (indiscernible) we
8 had to transfer all on starboard (indiscernible) into the
9 (indiscernible) from starboard to port and he had only
10 started doing it.

11 MR. CURTIS: Okay and was that, was that prompted
12 by the Coast Guard or did you decide that yourself, Captain?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. (Indiscernible) Coast
14 Guard also saying we (indiscernible).

15 MR. CURTIS: So you decided to and you just
16 (indiscernible)? Did you, did you ask specifically from
17 what tank to pump from and what tank to pump to? How was
18 that decided?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I did starboard, from
20 starboard to (indiscernible) to the port side rear tank. I
21 checked with chief (indiscernible) there are only two tanks
22 so you could only go from one to the other.

23 MR. CURTIS: And why did you want to pump that
24 fuel across?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So in case we were hit on

1 the starboard side (indiscernible).

2 MR. CURTIS: Okay. Did the Chief Engineer give
3 you any updates if it was being pumped, if it got pumped?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He said (indiscernible).

5 MR. CURTIS: Do you know what time you decided,
6 you contacted the chief to do that, do you recall that?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's in the morning, the
8 midmorning.

9 MR. JONES: On the 8?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 10:00 or so, 8.

11 MR. CURTIS: Did he call you back to say it was
12 transferring?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He said it's being
14 transferred, oil is being transferred.

15 MR. CURTIS: Did he ever get back to you to say
16 it's done transferring or --

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. He didn't tell me, he
18 just completed it. And also (indiscernible) for quite some
19 time.

20 MR. CURTIS: So you --

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) it was
22 completely shut.

23 MR. CURTIS: Okay, so all the heating and fuel had
24 been secured? Do you remember when you secured that, any
25 idea?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: August 8.

2 (Indiscernible.)

3 MR. CURTIS: (Indiscernible.) The fuel, you took
4 bunker in Seattle, do you remember the name of the supplier
5 if we're interested in getting a sample, do you --

6

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We took the sample, we
8 (indiscernible).

9 MR. CURTIS: You did?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We did.

11 MR. CURTIS: And who would have, who would have
12 those fuel analyses now, from port hole, who would have the
13 analyses sheets?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

15 MR. CURTIS: Do we know that they, they're
16 available? Okay.

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: In the sample
18 (indiscernible) they told us. (Indiscernible) paper that
19 said this.

20 MR. CURTIS: And I believe we asked you the other
21 day but where the fuel being burned, was the fuel that you
22 received in Seattle --

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

24 MR. CURTIS: Now along those lines you got some, I
25 can't remember from your (indiscernible) but they usually,

1 before they shut the engines down they purge it with light
2 diesel fuel?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No.

4 MR. CURTIS: No?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) only time
6 in the Seattle, otherwise we don't do this.

7 MR. CURTIS: Only when they stop the engine?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, because we were trying
9 to (indiscernible) so Chief (indiscernible) and plus he said
10 we are going to U.S. waters you want to be sure in case of
11 any emergency you (indiscernible) any chance that ship
12 (indiscernible).

13 MR. CURTIS: And I'm sorry, (indiscernible) --

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: One thing is you want to
15 (indiscernible) second thing is that when you are in U.S.
16 waters even if I (indiscernible). Otherwise we can't do it.

17 MR. CURTIS: But why is that, why would you use
18 that in the U.S. waters?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He would say just in case
20 (indiscernible) I don't want to take any chances that fuel
21 is not proper (indiscernible).

22 MR. CURTIS: See because it's easier to start with
23 (indiscernible).

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

25 MR. CURTIS: So before the, when they shut down

1 for the incident they were still on heavy oil? When it shut
2 down for the number 3?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. When we shut down he
4 went, he changed that, he changed into diesel oil. Which he
5 changed to diesel oil (indiscernible) yeah but then it did
6 not stop. He told me he says (indiscernible) some water in
7 the diesel oil so he changed back to full oil. But even
8 (indiscernible) there is no difference.

9 MR. CURTIS: So you tried starting it both with
10 light oil and with heavy oil?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Both.

12 MR. CURTIS: And to Captain Lew we'll be
13 requesting the copy of the analysis if we can get that.

14 CAPTAIN LEW: Okay.

15 MR. CURTIS: That's all I have right now. Thank
16 you, sir.

17 MR. MCPHILAMY: Slow writing, just a second.
18 Sorry. Captain, this is Sean McPhilamy with the Coast
19 Guard. Thank you for your patience. I am slow at writing.
20 Captain, I wanted to try to go back from midday on the 8 to
21 approximately 1600 on the eve.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Okay.

23 MR. MCPHILAMY: I'm attempting to put in order
24 events as they occurred so I would like to confirm that
25 approximately what time did the first helo for a ninth crew

1 first helo, what time did that start picking up crew?
2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The first batch?
3 MR. MCPHILAMY: The first batch.
4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)
5 MR. MCPHILAMY: And what time for the second
6 batch?
7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 14:30, (indiscernible)
8 they came back.
9 MR. MCPHILAMY: 14:20?
10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 30.
11 MR. MCPHILAMY: They started picking up the
12 second?
13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Around (indiscernible).
14 MR. MCPHILAMY: This was nine people approximately
15 was this a 13 minutes evolution, 13 minute time to get back?
16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: First one took a long time
17 because he picked up time to gather them in. First time,
18 first one was (indiscernible) taken about 20 minutes.
19 Second one (indiscernible) maybe 13 minutes. Then I was
20 pushing people (indiscernible) checking (indiscernible) we
21 don't want to take any chance (indiscernible).
22 MR. MCPHILAMY: Who was taking that count?
23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) chief
24 officer, (indiscernible) chief officer was.
25 MR. MCPHILAMY: And --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) mentioned
2 that in the second batch. So these (indiscernible) on the
3 bridge.

4 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

6 MR. MCPHILAMY: And then what time did you order
7 the starboard anchor to be washed out?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Around 1400.

9 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah. (Indiscernible)
11 second batch started at the loading dock.

12 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: So 14:13 should be, 14:15,
14 it should be in place.

15 MR. MCPHILAMY: At 14:30 the starboard anchor
16 should be in place?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

18 MR. MCPHILAMY: At what time did you remember
19 hearing the report that you are holding?

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Almost immediately.

21 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We were watching and the
23 GPS was watching (indiscernible) spot on, no movement.
24 1191, .89 we were maintaining that.

25 MR. MCPHILAMY: .89?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)
2 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you. Off shore?
3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 9 cables.
4 MR. MCPHILAMY: 9 cables?
5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: 9 cables from the shore.
6 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.
7 At approximately 17:05 to 17:10 you were climbing
8 to the bridge --
9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --
10 MR. MCPHILAMY: -- you (indiscernible) --
11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: -- (indiscernible).
12 MR. MCPHILAMY: You called the Coast Guard, you
13 called the chief engineer, an evacuation --
14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: He (indiscernible).
15 MR. MCPHILAMY: At that point approximately what
16 time do you remember if you remember a time, was everyone
17 gathered on the port bow?
18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Within three minutes.
19 They (indiscernible) 17:05. 17:08 we should have been
20 there.
21 MR. MCPHILAMY: Okay. Did you wait or was the
22 helicopter there?
23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. We was waiting for
24 quite some time.
25 MR. MCPHILAMY: Waiting for --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And then luckily I had
2 (indiscernible) still holding. He had VHS channel 16 on and
3 I did not go VHF channel 6. So we were in control at the
4 time, all 8 of us. So we're standing there and the people
5 were in good mood, cracking jokes. The helicopter kind of
6 kept (indiscernible).

7 MR. MCPHILAMY: Approximately can you describe the
8 weather at that point?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Weather was just like it
10 was (indiscernible).

11 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you.

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Close to 9. 8 and a half
13 or so.

14 MR. MCPHILAMY: Was that area you were gathered in
15 moving, rocking, you had --

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: At that time, no.

17 MR. MCPHILAMY: At that time, no? The ship's
18 movement --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. We had slight port
20 list.

21 MR. MCPHILAMY: Slight port list --

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Port list.

23 MR. MCPHILAMY: -- wave force 8 to 9.

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Wave force 8 to 9.

25 MR. MCPHILAMY: (Indiscernible) approximate awash

1 the deck or --

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. That time we had not
3 done anything, anything like that. I recall some
4 (indiscernible) 6 meters.

5 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you, Captain.

6 MR. HOWELLS: This is General Howells. Can you
7 tell me the alarm that you heard from the, what did you call
8 the alarm from the engine, a slow speed?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Auto slow down.

10 MR. HOWELLS: Auto slow down. What happens when
11 that alarm goes off? What does the engine do?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The RPM comes down.

13 MR. HOWELLS: Okay just the RPM comes down. How
14 do you clear that alarm?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: We have (indiscernible)
16 button there.

17 MR. HOWELLS: Okay, so you hit the button.

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Then the alarm goes on the
19 bridge. (Indiscernible) then immediately, soon after that
20 (indiscernible) to stop the engine.

21 MR. HOWELLS: Is that a light and a buzzer?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Both.

23 MR. HOWELLS: Both?

24 MR. LEW: And I guess it's (indiscernible) you
25 would stop the buzzer, you would stop the (indiscernible) --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

2 MR. LEW: (Indiscernible.) But a light was still
3 indicated (indiscernible) sticking over the control --

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's a (indiscernible).

5 MR. LEW: Okay. Thank you.

6 MR. HOWELLS: When you were down in the engine
7 rooms looking at the track liner was there a bunch of water
8 on the deck plates or what, did you see evidence?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I didn't see, I didn't
10 see anything.

11 MR. HOWELLS: Did you --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) 25
13 minutes.

14 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. 25 minutes before you got
15 there. Okay you talked about transferring fuel. Did the
16 Coast Guard give you any other directions to do to prepare
17 for a grounding?

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They told me that we
19 should stop the central heating. Heating the --

20 MR. HOWELLS: Turn off the heaters.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right. So that
22 was, that time we had only done one (indiscernible).

23 MR. HOWELLS: The heaters had been off already?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) receive
25 this message he said it's already off for the last several

1 hours.

2 MR. HOWELLS: Is that normal operation to have
3 that off while you're steaming the heaters? When would you
4 use this, for the heaters?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: When we are, when we are
6 steaming we keep our fuel and heating on.

7 MR. HOWELLS: Keep it on?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Because we had to presume
9 (indiscernible) tank into the central tank. The central
10 tank is the service tank. (Indiscernible.)

11 MR. HOWELLS: So why was the heater off again?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Because now the engine is
13 not running.

14 MR. HOWELLS: Oh, okay.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) they have
16 a sever amount of heated (indiscernible) --

17 MR. HOWELLS: I get it.

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's on the bottom banks,
19 underground.

20 MR. HOWELLS: In advance did anyone direct you to
21 secure the vents to any tanks?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They told us
23 (indiscernible) construct chief engine, secure all the banks
24 also secure (indiscernible) for the (indiscernible) that was
25 taken care of.

1 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. So is the just the oil thanks
2 you secured the vents on?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

4 MR. HOWELLS: All (indiscernible)? Okay.

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

6 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. When were waiting for
7 helicopter to come pick you up did you see any air escaping
8 from any vents or any water coming from any vents?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) when I
10 came from, from my cabin I went out of the port entrance
11 door near the (indiscernible) number 3 (indiscernible),
12 number 4 (indiscernible) tank is punctured. As I proceeded
13 further I heard another noise. (Indiscernible) the air
14 pipes. I (indiscernible) but then later on I realized it
15 was (indiscernible).

16 MR. HOWELLS: Oh, I see.

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They had two holes, put on
18 that same (indiscernible) 13 meters probably. So it was
19 coming out of, I believe, from (indiscernible) first time
20 (indiscernible) I think.

21 MR. HOWELLS: Okay.

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But then (indiscernible)
23 waiting for the chopper they were telling the noise in the
24 engine room (indiscernible) did you see any water in the
25 engine rooms, nobody had seen.

1 MR. HOWELLS: Nobody saw any water in the engine
2 rooms?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Nobody saw it. Maybe
4 (indiscernible), but nobody had the time to look down
5 because they were, (indiscernible) they just ran from the
6 platform.

7 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Captain, was there any
8 discussion about taking any survival gear to your ship from
9 another place?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: From which place?

11 MR. HOWELLS: From, from anywhere. Was there any
12 discussion of a helicopter dropping any kind of survival
13 gear to your vessel?

14 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no. Somebody had
15 asked me to (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) and I said we
16 don't have (indiscernible).

17 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Captain did the port, do you
18 know of the port anchor ever broke, broke free?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. To the best of my
20 knowledge both anchors were still in place when I left.

21 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. That's all I have.

22 MR. LEW: Captain Lew here. Captain, I just want
23 to clear up when you were saying you were making
24 communication coming off the bridge to the (indiscernible).
25 Can you please repeat one more time you were answering call

1 from the (indiscernible) cabin and VHS said (indiscernible)
2 bridge?

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, that's right. When,
4 when I was talking on the VHS I'm coming up on the bridge.
5 I'm going to my cabin on when I get a call from
6 (indiscernible) any other I have no business to go down.
7 First I pick up the telephone on the bridge in the radio
8 station. I have main computer there, (indiscernible)
9 computer and all that.

10 MR. LEW: Am I correct to see that the
11 (indiscernible) is installed in your cabin and not on the
12 bridge?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, (indiscernible) but
14 they are just giving me one official line there, in my
15 cabin. They (indiscernible) in case somebody is calling me
16 on the telephone I can pick up but nothing else. Only, only
17 telephone (indiscernible). Everything else is on the radio
18 station.

19 MR. LEW: So while you're on the bridge and
20 there's an incoming call from Singapore you would have heard
21 the phone?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, (indiscernible) --

23 MR. LEW: (Indiscernible?)

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I (indiscernible) I each
25 pick up, hello, hello. And then if I can hear them talking

1 they are sitting meeting in the conference room, five, six
2 people (indiscernible) they can't hear me then I go down the
3 next (indiscernible) from my cabin I can talk to him. As
4 soon as I put the phone down I come up again.

5 MR. JONES: Captain, it's Rob Jones. Just a
6 couple of questions. Do you, what was the state of the, of
7 your crew as they evacuated? Did they just take light
8 jackets?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They had plenty of clothes
10 but all had mostly, most of the people, half of them were
11 putting on (indiscernible) clothing and (indiscernible)
12 jackets and several days of clothes plus life jackets.

13 MR. JONES: Were they bringing some gear with
14 them, personal belongings or anything?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They had small bags.

16 MR. JONES: Small bags?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right.

18 MR. JONES: Pretty much everybody had a bag or two
19 and --

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

21 MR. JONES: Okay. And also the documents went off
22 in a suitcase or a bag or something like that?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The ship documents were
24 sent with the first bags.

25 MR. JONES: Okay.

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I sent, but they landed,
2 ended up in (indiscernible) city, all the ship certificate.

3 In the second bag I sent the log book, deck log book only
4 and VHF log, (indiscernible) second mate also.

5 MR. JONES: Okay.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

7 MR. JONES: And when you were up on the bow
8 waiting for your turn to go into the chopper did you see
9 any, anything that transpired then with the chopper when it
10 crashed?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. (Indiscernible) so I
12 was standing between the bow there. (Indiscernible) and
13 here number 1 hatch. We were trying (indiscernible) hatch
14 covers, they open sideways and there's no forward, they open
15 (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) so I waited for my
16 (indiscernible) so I ran quickly (indiscernible) so I went
17 and I, my bag was (indiscernible) port side, ship side, my
18 bag was, I was facing towards the hatch (indiscernible).
19 (Indiscernible) big bang noise, and (indiscernible) in the
20 meantime see what (indiscernible) or something.
21 (Indiscernible) there on the ship's rail. Then I asked him,
22 whatever, he said the helicopter, he's crashed, he got hit
23 by water or something by spray. So (indiscernible) I can.
24 And then (indiscernible) at the time went down I saw
25 (indiscernible) same thing, (indiscernible) pieces, I saw

1 the tail breaking about, going this way and then some
2 (indiscernible) six, seven pieces of (indiscernible) because
3 these two helicopters came to the (indiscernible) one
4 helicopter (indiscernible) I think then 10 seconds second
5 one came so this was (indiscernible) only 16 meters, 16
6 meters off and then she started completely picking up
7 (indiscernible) I saw people (indiscernible) very bad
8 suddenly and (indiscernible) wave action totally
9 (indiscernible) pilot who was controlling the height. He
10 said I don't know what happened from there, just the spray
11 and wall of white water came. He said they just
12 (indiscernible) but I didn't see this because my, my bag was
13 facing the ship's side, port side there.

14 MR. JONES: Okay.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But Aaron will be in a
16 better position. He was (indiscernible).

17 MR. JONES: All right. Just to recap -- this is
18 Rob Jones. Captain, you were lower than the bow, you were
19 behind the (indiscernible) forward of the hatch coming --

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, sir.

21 MR. JONES: -- of the track that lets the hatches
22 open.

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Correct.

24 MR. JONES: And after the seventh person went you
25 came over the top of the hatch, the trap --

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)
2 MR. JONES: Under the trap, okay.
3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)
4 MR. JONES: You've got --
5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I passed under it.
6 MR. JONES: And then you were, your back was to
7 the rail you were --
8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I was trying to straighten
9 myself (indiscernible).
10 MR. JONES: So you were facing in board, holding
11 on to the pipes that ran along the hatch.
12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right.
13 MR. JONES: And after you heard the, what did you
14 hear first?
15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I heard a water spray
16 coming, hitting me in my legs and (indiscernible). I
17 thought ship was breaking.
18 MR. JONES: Okay. So you heard the water noise
19 and then the mechanical noise of a crash.
20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That the (indiscernible)
21 piece of plane hitting the railing and falling onto the
22 deck.
23 MR. JONES: Okay. After that happened that you
24 turned and looked did you see the helicopter enter the water
25 or was it already in the water?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) and I saw
2 this (indiscernible).

3 MR. JONES: Okay. Can you estimate --

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) --

5 MR. JONES: In the (indiscernible)? So it wasn't
6 the tide, it was a wave we're talking about? A wave?

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, waves.

8 MR. JONES: Can you estimate the waves that were
9 just after that?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I cast (indiscernible)
11 became stable.

12 MR. JONES: So in your estimation of the, during
13 the time that the first five or six crew members were
14 evacuated on a helicopter that you were waiting on --

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That's right.

16 MR. JONES: The wave, the wave sequence
17 significantly shift --

18 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Suddenly everything
19 changed.

20 MR. JONES: It changed towards the end.

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) water
22 came. (Indiscernible) ship suddenly (indiscernible)
23 shifted.

24 MR. JONES: Okay. That's what --

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And up to that time the

1 water was coming from the starboard and suddenly started
2 coming from the, from right ahead.

3 MR. JONES: Okay. A couple of questions just to
4 clarify other areas then. Actually we might have -- oh just
5 the, does the, does your vessel carry any type of towing
6 package, a towing pack, do you have a tow gearing rigged up
7 on the bow or the stern other than you're usual mooring
8 gear?

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No.

10 MR. JONES: Okay.

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: It's (indiscernible).

12 MR. JONES: Okay. When you entered the Bering Sea
13 is there any special requirements with regards to radio
14 broadcasts?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) not on the
16 radio but (indiscernible) we must check all our records and
17 (indiscernible) and in working order so (indiscernible).

18 MR. JONES: And I --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Any other chance to go
20 (indiscernible).

21 MR. JONES: So that's just a log entry for
22 yourself? You don't have to make a broadcast or send a
23 message anywhere?

24 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No.

25 MR. JONES: Okay.

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: And I (indiscernible) send
2 a message to company that I (indiscernible).

3 MR. JONES: Okay. One other --

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

5 MR. JONES: Another question, Captain. The, at
6 the time you felt the starboard anchor was down now and you
7 felt everything was holding, the Foss and the Dunlap were in
8 the vicinity --

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, (indiscernible).

10 MR. JONES: Okay. The Alex Hailey had, had given
11 their try and they were standing off?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, and then they're just
13 in process, they're contemplating second try. But then it
14 started getting late and maybe just too late now.

15 MR. JONES: So was there any other discussion to
16 another tribe getting a line on you other than the two
17 anchors that were holding you fast, approximately .85 miles
18 off the beach?

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: At that moment it was
20 (indiscernible) to come. (Indiscernible) moved away, only
21 Dunlap was hanging around closer to us.

22 MR. JONES: Okay.

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: But not bringing
24 (indiscernible).

25 MR. JONES: Okay. This is, this is how we usually

1 end the question with the, an investigation like this and
2 I'll ask it now but the other gentlemen still, and Captain
3 Lew are still available to ask you questions. Given the
4 events of what transpired from the time you lost power to
5 the eventual grounding what do you think in your mind could
6 have been done to prevent that along, that Medivac? Is
7 there anything that comes to mind to you that could have
8 been done that would have prevented this thing from
9 happening?

10 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: See we wish main
11 (indiscernible) isolating the unit but we could not do that.
12 (Indiscernible) number one. Number two, (indiscernible)
13 anchor cannot be used, no anchor can be used,
14 (indiscernible) meters can hold the water. Third of all, if
15 we had (indiscernible) towing (indiscernible) available that
16 would have been our best chance in that circumstance. Other
17 than that I don't see anything which would have done, main
18 thing (indiscernible) number one. Number one is the best
19 solution and I was quite concerned that we were going to go
20 this far isolating unit should not be this way. We should
21 be heading back to (indiscernible) five units
22 (indiscernible).

23 MR. JONES: Okay. Captain, let me just go around
24 the table one more time and see where everybody is on their
25 questioning.

1 MR. CURTIS: Brian Curtis, NTSB. I just have a
2 couple questions, Captain. Had the (indiscernible) on board
3 stamped December 12 but I'm more interested in if you could
4 just circle on there where you transferred this,
5 approximately the area, which tanks you transferred from and
6 to.

7 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) the
8 starboard tank and (indiscernible) tank into four
9 (indiscernible).

10 MR. CURTIS: You went from four starboard diesel
11 tank --

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: You (indiscernible) beside
13 it so you can do like four starboard diesel tank.

14 MR. CURTIS: Okay so from four starboard diesel
15 tank to four port diesel tank?

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: This tank was 100 percent
17 full (indiscernible) so whatever (indiscernible) mainly in
18 front of the (indiscernible).

19 MR. CURTIS: Okay so one and three --

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible) regarding
21 fuel because these tanks are (indiscernible) each of them
22 (indiscernible) unit. Only these (indiscernible).

23 MR. CURTIS: Okay I just want to know where you
24 transferred from so it was four starboard to four port?

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no. Two starboard.

1 These are all starboard.

2 MR. CURTIS: Right.

3 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Two diesel port.

4 MR. CURTIS: Four diesel starboard to four diesel
5 port.

6 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: This one was
7 (indiscernible).

8 MR. CURTIS: Thank you. Just one last question.
9 You said that air was rushing out of a four double water
10 tank. What product is in that tank, is that (indiscernible)
11 tank?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, that was an empty
13 tank.

14 MR. CURTIS: Okay. That's all I have. Thank you.

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: That is it.
16 (Indiscernible.)

17 MR. CURTIS: Over six and seven hold and the four
18 (indiscernible) --

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: This is one
20 (indiscernible) then number two diesel, number three
21 (indiscernible) number four. So number one is only
22 (indiscernible).

23 MR. CURTIS: Thank you, sir. That's all I have.

24 MR. MCPHILAMY: Captain, Sean McPhilamy.

25 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes?

1 MR. MCPHILAMY: I have a question about the
2 (indiscernible) phone problem that you reported at about
3 1700 on the 8th.

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Correct.

5 MR. MCPHILAMY: And you answered the phone hello,
6 hello. They could not hear you. You went down to your --
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8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah. There
9 (indiscernible).

10 MR. MCPHILAMY: Prior to that point?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. He took his
12 (indiscernible) maybe around 16:20 or something, not half an
13 hour or so.

14 MR. MCPHILAMY: At that point, prior to that point
15 that's --

16 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: I was using the radio
17 station phone.

18 MR. MCPHILAMY: And then I'd like to shift from
19 that to fuel consumption. Number two was fuel consumption.
20 Do you know, a decision if you are aware of what decision
21 why number two rather than number one or number three?

22 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, (indiscernible) two
23 because we are only number two and number three for the
24 (indiscernible) so we (indiscernible) number three is in the
25 center. Number two is in the (indiscernible). Number four,

1 number five is right in the middle of the (indiscernible).

2 So we're planning to consume full number two and then easily
3 go to number three or go to number one.

4 MR. MCPHILAMY: And the reasoning on that?

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Sir, we want
6 (indiscernible).

7 MR. MCPHILAMY: So (indiscernible)?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: (Indiscernible.)

9 MR. MCPHILAMY: And in Seattle do you know the
10 status of your loading of cargo for soy beans on number one
11 through seven? Did you go to capacity on all holds?

12 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yes, all holds were full
13 except number four was slack.

14 MR. MCPHILAMY: Number four was slack?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Slack.

16 MR. MCPHILAMY: Empty?

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, four was 41 percent
18 full.

19 MR. MCPHILAMY: 41 percent full? All other holds
20 were to capacity?

21 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: All other holds were to
22 capacity.

23 MR. MCPHILAMY: Thank you very much.

24 MR. HOWELLS: Captain, this is General Howells.
25 Can you tell me how much fuel you burn per day?

1 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: About 35 tons.

2 MR. HOWELLS: 35 tons? With this, this weather
3 that you're getting into, was that affecting that burn rate?

4 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: You cannot (indiscernible)
5 maintain full (indiscernible).

6 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. Do you know about how much
7 more you were burning?

8 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The RPM was less, with
9 respect to the RPM in normal condition the number should be
10 low but we were always (indiscernible) between 33 and 35.
11 The speed was (indiscernible). We never (indiscernible).

12 MR. HOWELLS: Okay. That's all I have.

13 MR. LEW: This is Captain Lew here. Captain, you
14 mentioned that you were not aware that the main
15 (indiscernible) the company is to arrange for you to
16 (indiscernible).

17 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Yeah, that James Dunlap.

18 MR. LEW: James Dunlap.

19 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Correct.

20 MR. LEW: When, how do you get in touch with this
21 vessel? Was it by sight or VHF? Did they come for you or
22 you called the captain?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, I (indiscernible)
24 having conversation and (indiscernible) James Dunlap, I just
25 (indiscernible) and then somebody called me from office, I

1 think you or somebody because then (indiscernible) James
2 Dunlap has come to assist you. I said, I said I don't know
3 anything about this, this (indiscernible) I believe it is
4 somewhere around. Then immediately I (indiscernible) VHF
5 sent the James Dunlap. (Indiscernible) so then I heard,
6 (indiscernible) where she is. But I didn't know when she
7 came, when was the (indiscernible).

8 MR. LEW: Did you have visual contact with her at
9 all or it was just communication that you had contact with
10 her?

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No only, only I checked
12 where she was, if she was around.

13 MR. LEW: Did the (indiscernible) give you a time
14 to tell you that she's coming to assist you?

15 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. She never made any
16 contact with me. No direct contact. (Indiscernible) me nor
17 any (indiscernible).

18 MR. LEW: Okay.

19 MR. JONES: Captain, just one question. This is
20 when, when you felt the grounding of the stairwell between
21 the bridge and your office was anyone on the bridge at that
22 time?

23 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Chief officer.

24 MR. JONES: Chief officer was still there? Okay.
25 And did he give you any indication that it looked like you

1 were drifting?

2 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No. Because I had gone
3 down only (indiscernible).

4 MR. JONES: Okay. That is --

5 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: The last word he gave me
6 was she's maintained the (indiscernible) 285.

7 MR. JONES: Okay.

8 Captain Lew again.

9 MR. LEW: Captain Lew again. Later on after you
10 mentioned that James Dunlap communicated with the
11 (indiscernible) and said that they can confirm which
12 assistant?

13 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: No, no. (Indiscernible)
14 Sidney Foss. They, they couldn't call me (indiscernible)
15 Dunlap and then they, they had some and they spoke to Alex
16 Hailey also, the Cutter. But (indiscernible) was mainly
17 James Dunlap at 10:00, at about 10:00. Then (indiscernible)
18 Alex Hailey.

19 MR. LEW: Okay. Thank you.

20 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: They were doing around
21 (indiscernible) moved away. When I (indiscernible) only
22 this James Dunlop of (indiscernible). (Indiscernible) she's
23 just wanting me to declare for just saying ship
24 (indiscernible) he wanted to come closer. She was
25 (indiscernible) she said where this too rough for her to

1 (indiscernible).

2 MR. JONES: Anything else anyone?

3 Okay this will conclude the interview with Captain
4 Singh.

5 Again we want to thank you for your time, Captain.

6 You've been most helpful and it's been most informative and
7 I think it'll be very helpful in finding reasons for this
8 incident and what we can do to prevent it.

9 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Thank you.

10 MR. JONES: I want to thank you again.

11 CAPTAIN KAILASH SINGH: Thank you very much.

12 (Whereupon, at 11:27 a.m., the interview was
13 concluded.)

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